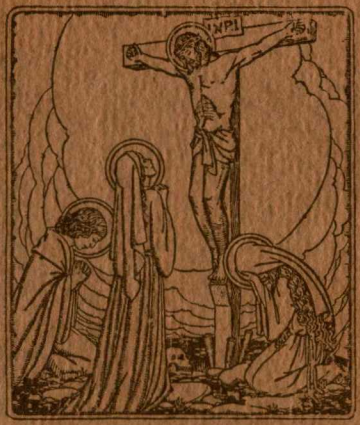


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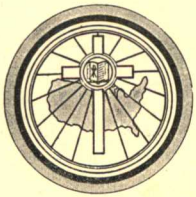

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# Before Mass

O God, help us to pray with the priest during this Holy Mass. We know it is the same Sacrifice as that which Jesus offered on the Cross. We offer this Holy Mass to adore and thank You, and to make up for our sins. We ask You for all that we need.

***Prayers at the foot of the Altar***

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

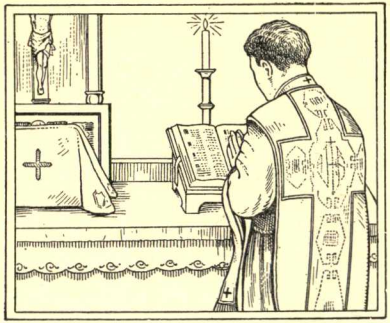
Dear God, the priest is now asking You to take away his sins and ours. Take away all our sins, that we may be holy. Help us to pray well during this Holy Mass.

*Kissing the Altar*

The priest kisses the altar where the relics of Your saints are kept.

O God, hear Your saints when they pray for us. We want to be saints, too. Help us to love You.





*The Introit*

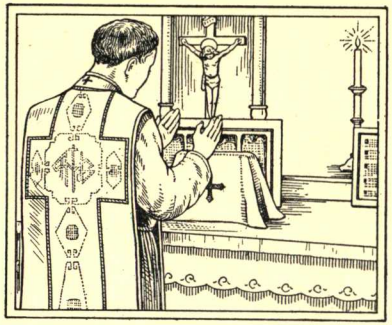
Now the priest is reading the Introit. He is praising You, dear God. We want to praise You too. So we say: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*The Kyrie*

The priest is praying to You for all of us. We will join him and ask for your mercy and love.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

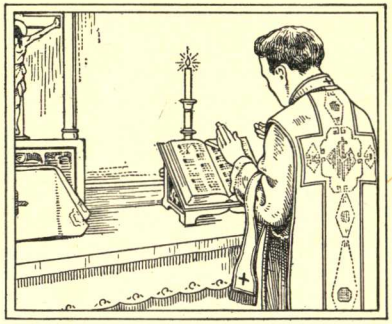




*The Gloria*

The angels praised You, dear God, when Jesus was born. In a little while, Jesus will be on the altar. We will sing as the angels did on that first Christmas night:

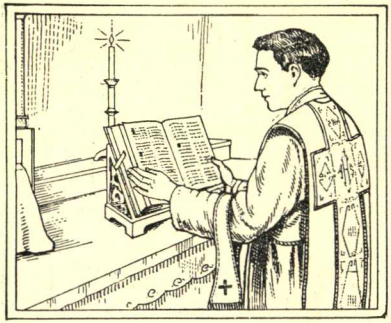
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."



*The Collect*

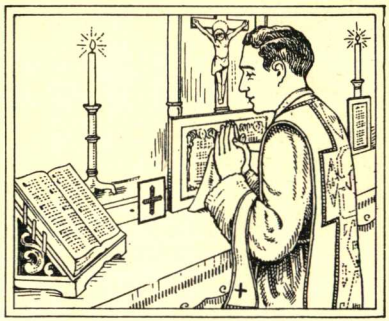
Dear God, the priest now prays the Collect. This is a prayer of Your Holy Church for all Your people. We shall pray with the priest for everybody. Help us all to get to heaven.





*The Epistle*

The Epistle is a holy letter that tells us how to be good. We belong to Your Church, dear God. Help us to do everything You want us to do.



*The Gospel*

The Gospel is the word of God. We stand up to show that we believe and love God's own words.

Dear God, help us to learn more about You. We want to love You more.

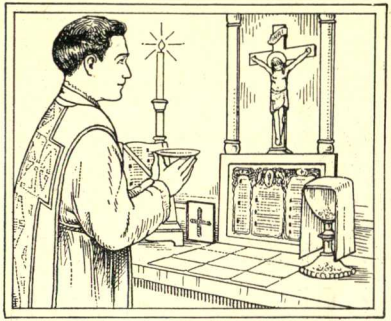
*The Credo*

The priest is saying the Credo. We believe all that Your Holy Church teaches and so we say:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy

Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.





*Offering of the Bread*

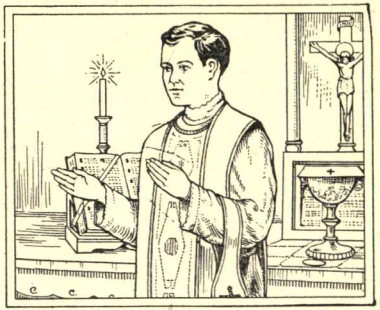
The priest offers the bread to God. Soon it will be changed into the Body of Jesus. We offer our lives to You, dear God. Take us and change us to be like Jesus. We offer You our words, our prayers, our work, our play. We want to do everything for You.

*Offering of the Wine*

Now the priest offers You the wine. Soon it will be changed into the Blood of Jesus. O God, may this Blood save all sinners and may it wash us clean from sin.

*The Lavabo*

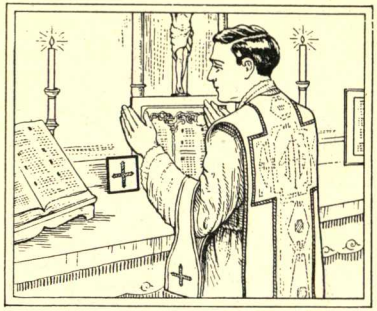
Soon the priest will hold the pure Body and Blood of Jesus in his hands. He washes his fingers as a sign that our souls must be pure. Wash our souls, dear God, that we may be worthy to be with Jesus.



*Orate Fratres*

"Brethren pray," the priest is saying now. And so we pray: O God, may our sacrifice be pleasing to You. We offer our whole selves to You. Let us be Your little children.



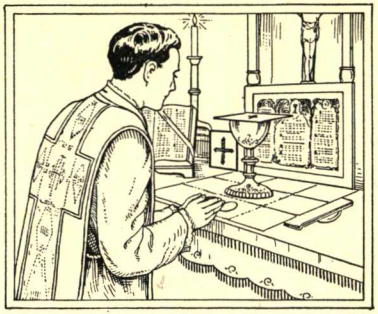


*The Preface*

The priest asks us to praise and thank You, dear God. We are glad to say:

"We praise You.

"We thank You for all You do for us."



*The Sanctus*

O God, we join our little voices with those of the angels and say:

"Holy, holy, holy,

"Lord God of Hosts.

"Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory."

*Prayer for the Living*

We offer You, O God, this Holy Sacrifice for all the people who are here. We pray for our parents. We pray for our priests and our teachers. We pray for those who love us and also for those who hate us. Help us all to love You more.

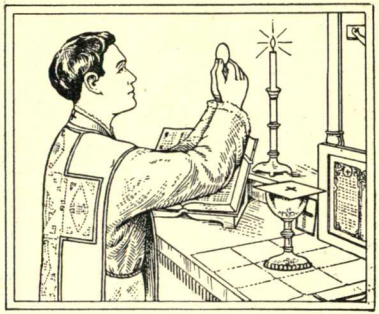
*Consecration of the Host*

Dear Jesus, the priest now changes the bread into Your Sacred Body. The priest calls You down from heaven when he says:

"This is My Body."

We are happy to have You here with us on the altar.

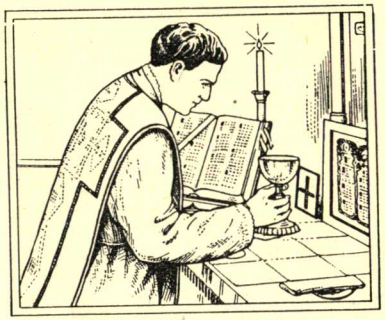




*Elevation of the Host*

(Here the bell rings. Look up at the Sacred Host and say:)

My Lord and My God!



*Consecration of the Wine*

The priest now changes the wine into Your Sacred Blood. O Jesus, let Your Blood make our souls pure and holy.

*Elevation of the Chalice*

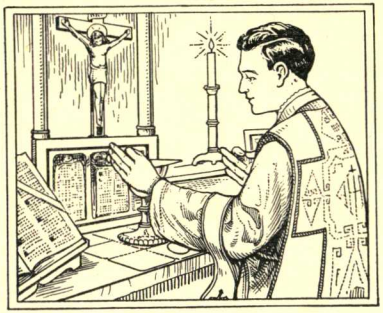
(Here the bell rings. Look up at the chalice and say:)

My Jesus, mercy!

*After Consecration*

O Heavenly Father, Your Son Jesus, is now on the altar. He offers Himself for us now as He did on the cross. We offer ourselves with Him. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on us and on the holy souls in purgatory.





*The Pater Noster*

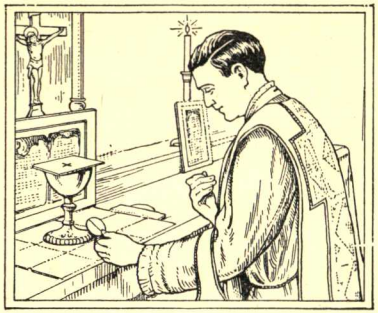
The priest is saying the Our Father. We love this prayer because You gave it to us, dear Jesus. We will say it with the priest.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

***After a little while, the priest says:***

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.





***Holy Communion***

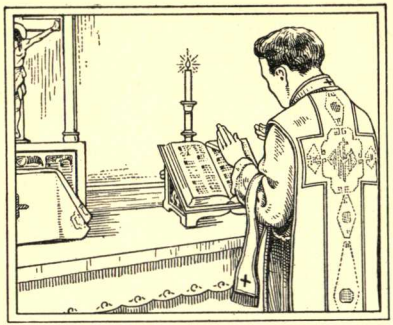
"Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word and my soul shall be healed." Dear Jesus, the priest now receives You. We love You. Please come into our hearts and make us holy.

*Communion of the People*

The priest says, "Behold the Lamb of God."

Dear Jesus, soon we can receive You in Holy Communion. Help us, Jesus, so that we may become more pure and holy every day.





*After Communion*

Dear God, may the holy food that Your people have received in Holy Communion, keep their hearts and souls pure.

*The Blessing*

Dear Jesus, You blessed the little children when You lived on earth. We are Your little children today. Please bless us now. May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost bless us. Amen.

*Last Gospel*

O Jesus, You are God. You became a little baby for us. You died on the cross to save us from sin. You help us get to heaven. We thank You, dear Jesus, for all the good You do for us.

### *After Mass*

Dear God, We thank You for letting us be at this Holy Mass. We hope we can soon come again. Help us to please You more and more every day.

### *The Hail Mary*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.